



# Jesus Calms the Storm

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**Reference:** Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25

**Main Point:** Jesus is the mighty son of God. Even the wind and the waves obey him.

**Activities to do together:** Choose from the following

**1. Playdough** - Make fish and boats out of playdough. You could print out these [free weather playdough](#) mats and laminate before use. Tell your child that there is a true story in the bible about a time when Jesus and his friends were in a boat on the sea in a big storm.

**2. Colouring/Collage page** - Using an A4 sheet of paper, divide up the paper into 4-6 squares. Talk about different kinds of weather: sunny, cloudy, windy, raining, thunderstorm etc and draw OR use collage materials (patty pans, cotton balls etc) and draw/create these into the different squares.

**Ask; Who's in charge of the weather? (God)**

**Ask them to imagine** what it would be like, and to verbalise how they would feel to be in a boat in a big storm. (very frightened, scared,) Tell them that there is a true story about a time when Jesus and his friends were in a boat on the sea in a big storm.

**3. Imaginary Play** - Set up a sheet (a blue sheet would work well) and place a box that your child could sit in, in the middle. As your child pretends to sail, you could recreate the storm scene by moving the sheet, rocking the boat and making storm noises etc. Tell your child that there is a true story in the bible about a time when Jesus and his friends were in a boat on the sea in a big storm.

**4. Craft idea** - Make a simple [paper plate craft](#) - just use paper and card if you don't have foam. Add 'Jesus is the mighty son of God. Even the wind and the waves obey him' on the plate.

**5. Bath Play** - Make a [noodle boat](#) for bath play. Retell the story of Jesus calming the storm in the bath, with your child making the wind and the waves.

**6. Storm Bottle** - Make an [ocean in a bottle](#). Make sure the cap is sealed tightly so no liquid escapes. Turn the bottle on it's side and gently rock the bottle to create your own waves. Talk about how God made the water and the wind and only He can control them.

**Bible:**

Read the story of Jesus calming the storm from a children's bible such as "The Lion First Bible" or "The Beginners Bible" or retell the account of Jesus calming the storm from your own Bible.

**Discussion:**

**In this story there was a very bad storm. What was Jesus doing when the storm came? (He was asleep in the boat)**

**Show me how Jesus' disciples were feeling. ( show frightened face)**

**Who did the disciples turn to for help? (Some of them were fishermen and used to being in storms. It must have been a very bad storm for them to be so frightened so they turned to Jesus because they knew he could do things that they could not)**

**How did Jesus stop the storm? (He spoke and it stopped. Even the wind and the waves obeyed Jesus. He is amazing!)**

**Do you think a storm would stop if you told it to stop? (No)**

**Why did the storm stop when Jesus told it to? (Jesus can do things that we can't do. Jesus can do things that only God can do because he is powerful and mighty. He is God's Mighty Son!)**

**Pray together:**

Thank you God for your son Jesus. Thank you that Jesus is mighty and powerful. Please help us to put our trust in Him and to obey Him always.

**Memory verse:** 'No one is like you, Lord, You are great, and your name is mighty in power.'-  
Jeremiah 10:6

**Ideas for sermon time:**

- Watch this week's video for under 5's.
- Print this [colouring sheet](#) or this [colouring sheet](#)
- Print this [fold-a-story](#) (version 2) and colour.
- Make a simple paper boat and have your child add smiley face stickers for the disciples and Jesus.